



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **WATANABE, Kenichi**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Serial No.: **10/050,171**

Examiner: **WARREN, Matthew E.**

Filed: **January 18, 2002**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7623**

**FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE CAPABLE OF SUPPRESSING CURRENT  
CONCENTRATION IN PAD AND ITS MANUFACTURE METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 25, 2004**, extended to **August 25, 2004** by  
a 2 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.